

Ashby de la Zouch Rural District Council

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report is being written at the end of February, 1974 following receipt of Circular CMO 2/74, dated 22nd February, 1974, from the Department of Health and Social Security.

Reference is made therein to the problem posed by the fact that "the vital statistics for inclusion in Reports are not available from the Office of Population Censuses and Survey before April."

It is therefore impossible to report to you with any degree of accuracy on the number of births and deaths, for instance, and any figures mentioned in those connections must be regarded as provisional. Annual rates are not available, and as a matter of fact the whole exercise so far as births and deaths are concerned at this stage is just about futile.

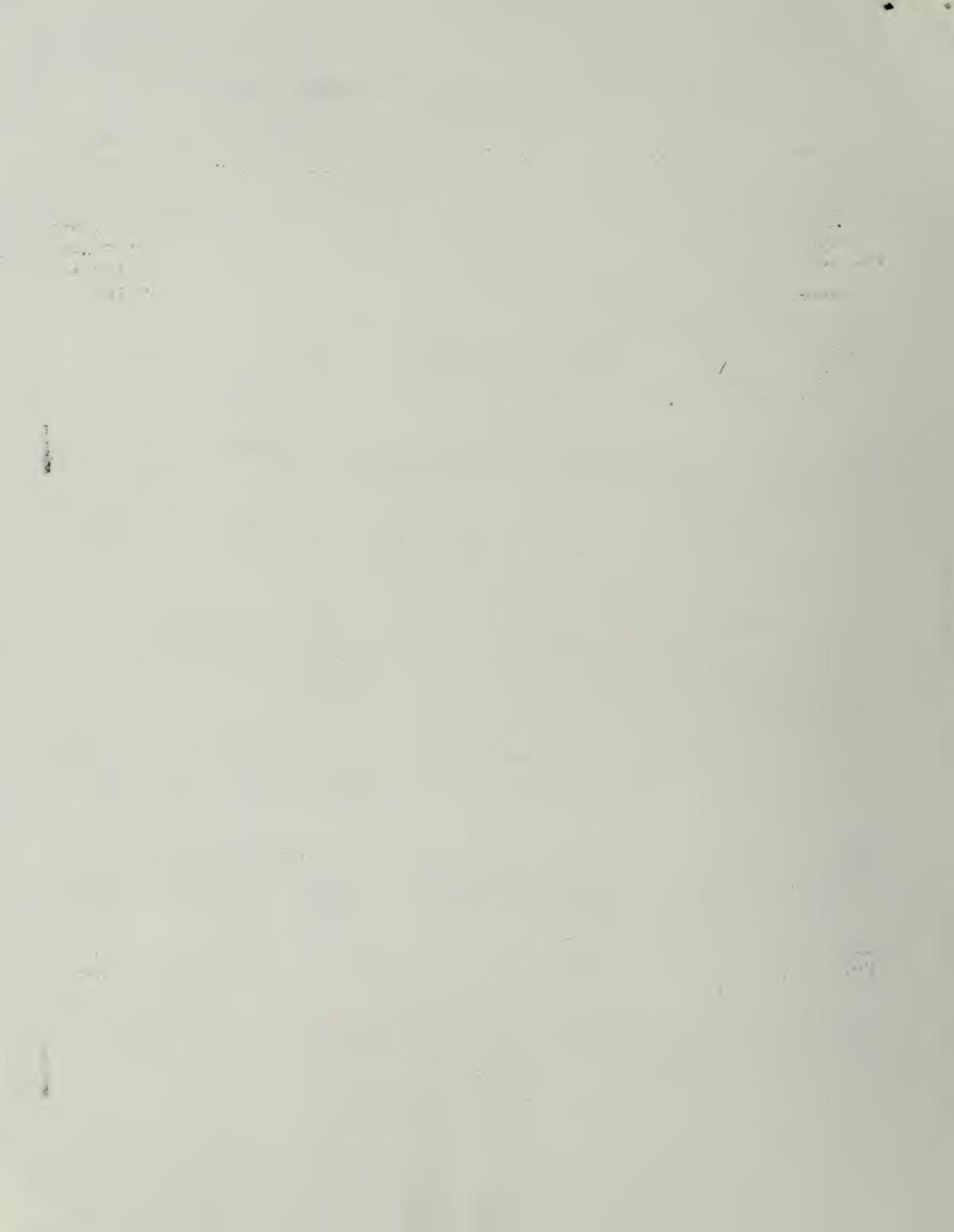
I wish to thank all members of the staff and especially of the Public Health Department for their help and support throughout the year, and to record my appreciation of the courtesy extended to me by the members of the Council.

Great changes in local government are due to take place in a few weeks time and it is to be hoped that they will prove to be wholesome and fruitful.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW HAMILTON.

Medical Officer of Health.



Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area (in acres).

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).

Number of occupied dwellings.

Number of occupied Council houses.

Rateable Value (1st April, 1973).

Sum represented by a penny rate (Estimated).

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

Only 11 births, 3 boys and 8 girls, were registered as having occurred within the district.
No figures are available at present for births occurring outside the district.

There was one still-birth.

One baby died under 1 year of age (23 hrs).

Deaths.

M. F. Total.

Number registered as occurring within the district.	48	45	93
Number of non-residents.	—	2	2
	48	43	91
Number registered outside the district (provisional)	38	22	60
	86	65	151

The causes of death were approximately :

Heart Disease	58
Cerebral Vascular Lesions.	25
Diseases of the Lungs	24
Cancer	21
Accident	8
Others	15
	151

Infectious Diseases.

12 cases of infectious disease were notified as follows :

Measles.	3 males	5 females
Infective Jaundice.		1 female
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	3 males	

Of the last named 2, both in the 15-19 years age group, occurred at Griffydam and the other, in the 55-64 age group, occurred at Moasham.

Meals on Wheels.

32 visits, involving 26 people, were paid during the year to investigate applications for the service. Nearly all were accepted.

National Assistance Acts.

No formal action was found to be necessary.

(4) Water supply from Public Mains:-

(a) No. of parishes with piped water supply:-

(1) from public mains 16

(2) from private reservoirs Nil

(b) No. of parishes without a piped supply of water 1 part ... Banbury....

(c) Particulars of any extensions of public water supplies:-

Extensions to water main - McColl's site, Hospital Lane, Ravenstone.

" " " " - Phase 5, Atherstone Gardens, Measham.

" " " " - Browning Drive, Measham.

A new main has been laid from Nottingham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch to Willesley Reservoir to improve supplies in the Measham Area.

(d) No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water 2

(5) Recent Proposals State progress during year on current schemes:-

(6) Water supply from wells:

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS

Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
-	-	-	1

No. of Wells closed 7

No. of Wells cleansed, etc. ... 8



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2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No. of cesspools constructed during the year	5
No. of cesspools abolished during the year	.....	134
Total number in district on 31st December, 1973	.....	387
No. of private sewage treatment plants constructed during year.	.....	Nil

Particulars of any extensions of sewers, or improvements during year:-

Colcorton Sewerage Scheme completed. Worthington Sewage works enlarged.

During the year 200 houses have been connected to the sewerage system, the majority of them in the Colcorton area.

No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works	11
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No. of parishes where new schemes have been formulated	1
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Recent Proposals State progress of new schemes of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number of houses in the district on 31st December, 1973

(1) Privies (2) Pail Closets 120... (3) W.C.'s 5000..

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during year:-

(a) Privies Nil.....	(b) Pails	83.....
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Is a grant made towards the cost of conversion? Yes.....

What facilities are available for emptying cesspools? Cesspool emptying machine.

What charge is made for emptying cesspools? 75p. for each of first two loads, Cl.50p. for subsequent loads.

Pail closets:

(a) Disposal of contents Specially designed beds at sewage works.

(b) Frequency of emptying Weekly.

4.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

- (a) Number and type of vehicles employed ~~3~~ ref. to loading mechanical compaction.
- (b) Frequency of collection Daily.
- (c) Number of dustbins allowed per dwelling-house No limit.
- (d) Is any special scheme for trade refuse in operation, if so give details. No.

Disposal of Household Refuse:-

- (a) No. of controlled tips 1
- (b) No. of crude tips -
- (c) Incineration -
- (d) Possible alternatives, where tipping sites are proving difficult.
- (e) Is co-ordination of the service envisaged with neighbouring districts? (If so, give brief details.)

Yer. The tip is used by Coalville U.D.C., Matlock U.D.C. and Coalbrookdale D.C. in addition to our own.

5.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading should be for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in this report.

- (a) Total No. of complaints received 35.....
- (b) Total No. of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with 42.....

INSPECTIONS MADE

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	15
Bakehouses	8
Dairies	3
Drainage Works	773
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	622
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	21
Food Poisoning Inquiries	-
Food Premises	322
Offensive Trades	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal (Excluding Rodent Rodent Control Operator visits)	322
Schools	-
Shops and Offices	162
Slaughter-houses & Meat Inspection	75
Smoke Control	-
Verminous and Dirty Premises	1
Caravans, etc.	31
Water Supplies	11
Factories and Workplaces	59
Other Inspections	917
TOTAL	3489

NOTICES

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	22
Issued during year	-	15
Complied with during year	-	12
Outstanding 31st December	-	25

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	2
Issued during year	-	2
Complied with during year	-	4
Outstanding 31st December	-	-

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of Summons Issued	No. of Convictions Obtained
Housing	Housing
Public Health, etc.	Public Health, etc.

Brief details of successful summary action:-

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	Total number on Register	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec.
Offices	14	29	1	10	6	5
Retail Shops	23	91	1	11	10	7
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	7	14	1	3	4	1
Catering estab. open to the public, canteens	4	23	-	4	3	2
Fuel Storage depots	3	6	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	56	163	3	28	23	15

Brief notes on any accidents reported, unusual problems, prosecutions, etc.

Three accidents were reported during the year. They were not of a serious nature and occurred in an office, shop and warehouse respectively. There were no contraventions of the Act in these cases.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

- (a) Number of premises licensed 5.....
- (b) Number of inspections 15.....
- (c)

10. Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No. of Site Licences issued:-

(a) Individual vans	.....	29
(b) More than 2 vans	.....	-
Action taken	.....

11.

REGULATED BUILDINGS

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

12.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Particulars of action taken:-

No. of council houses infested	.....	7
No. of other dwelling houses found infested	.....	-
No. of houses disinfested	.....	1

13.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

(1) No. of premises licensed. -

(2) No. of inspections -

Details of any contraventions -

14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

- (1) No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc.
(2) No. of premises licensed for
 (a) Manufacture (b) Storage of rag flock
No. of samples taken

15. (a) FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

1. (a) Number of premises inspected
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose
(c) Number of Informal Notices served
(d) Number of Informal Notices complied with
(e) Number of Informal Notices outstanding 31st Dec.
(f) Number of Formal Notices served
(g) Number of Formal Notices complied with
(h) Number of Formal Notices outstanding 31st Dec.
2. Particulars of any summary action taken:

15. (b) FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

- (1) Stallholders complying with the Regulations
(2) Stallholders exempted
(3) Delivery Vehicles complying with Regulations
(4) Delivery Vehicles exempted
(5) Brief details of any problems encountered:-

16. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

- (a) Brief particulars of any action taken in connection with Smoke Control Orders.

(b) Any future proposals

(c) Recording stations in the district

17. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Particulars of any action taken during the year

7 right ex. made and informal action taken.

18.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Number of Infestations dealt with	.....	125
Number of inspections (a) By Public Health Inspectors	.....	9
(if known) (b) By Rodent Operators	.....	1231

Staff employed for these duties:

1 man.

19.

SCHOOLS

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Schools.

20.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No. in area :-

(a) Publicly owned (b) Privately owned

No. of inspections

Any action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water including number of samples collected and results.

21.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODICE-CREAM

No. of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and retail	.....	51
(b) Manufacture only	.....	111
(c) Retail only	.....	77

No. of samples Results:

Grade 1	.....	20
Grade 2	.....	5
Grade 3	.....	1
Grade 4	.....	1

MILK SUPPLY

DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959)

No. on register	No. of Inspections	No. of contraventions		
		Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31st Dec.
DAIRIES Nil	-	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS 1	4	-	-	-

Biological Milk Samples

No. of routine bulk samples taken	Results of Biological Examination		
	Satisfactory	Evidence of living Tuberclle Bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus
28	20	-	-

Number of Individual Samples taken following a positive Brucella Abortus report on a routine sample:- -

Particulars of any action taken in cases where there was evidence of living Tuberclle Bacilli or Brucella Abortus:-

Bacteriological Milk Sampling

CLASS	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designation "Untreated"			
"Pasteurised"	28	25	3
"Sterilised"			
"U.H.T."			

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES

A HOUSES In Clear- ance Areas	SHED	DEVALUED DURING YEAR		
		1952	1953	FAMILIES
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	
(2) Houses excluded by reason of bad amenities, etc.	
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 13 (2) Housing Act, 1957	
Not in Clearance Areas				
(4) As above of formal or informal premises under Section 17 (10) Housing Act, 1957	
(5) Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation when action has been taken under Local Law	
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED		Number		
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 25 (1) Housing Act, 1957	
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	
(10) Formerly inhabited houses closed under Section 16 Housing Act, 1957	

C. UNFIT HOUSES IN USE AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED

- (11) After removal by local authority
- (12) After notice under (a) Public Health
Acts, (b) Section 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957
- (13) Under Section 17 Housing Act, 1957

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN USE (Housing Act, 1957)

Position a

- (14) Residential accommodation
- (15) Non-residential accommodation and
shops
- (16) Other

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
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F. HOUSING SUMMARY

- (a) Total number of occupied houses in district 5418
- (b) Total number of Council Houses occupied in district 1399

G. HOUSING ACTS, 1949-1969

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- (a) What percentage grant of the approved cost does the council make towards reconditioning and improvements under the Acts 50%
- (b) Number of applications for grants received during year 29
 - (1) From owner/occupiers 22
 - (2) Owners of rented property 5
- (c) Number of applications approved 23
- (d) Number of applications refused 2
- (e) Number of houses improved during the year 17

STANDARD GRANTS

- (a) Number of applications received for standard grants from:-
- (1) Owner/occupiers 39
- (2) Owners of rented property 4
- (b) Number of applications approved 36
- (c) Number of applications refused -
- (d) Number of properties improved during the year 35

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

- (a) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates 3
- (b) Certificates issued 6
- (c) Provisional Certificates issued -
- (d) Applications deferred (pending repairs) -
- (e) Applications refused -

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS

(a) Number of areas completed during the year.	.....	Nil
(b) Total number of houses involved.	.....	Nil
(c) Number of houses improved.	.....	Nil
(d) Number of areas scheduled during the year.	.....	Nil
(e) Total number of houses involved.	.....	Nil

24. STAFF

Number of Staff	(a) Qualified	..... 3 ...
	(b) Unqualified -
	(c) Clerical	..... 3 ...

Has staff been increased or decreased during year, if so how? No

Is present staff considered adequate for proper performance of all duties?

Yes

DATE ... 21st Feby: 1974


Public Health Inspector

